Thu



Our Reference: BDV-100-A

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

David B. Bathurst

Serial Number:

10/659,137

Filing Date:

September 10, 2003

Examiner/Group Art Unit:

Unknown/3751

Title:

SHOWER EXPANDER

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING AND TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Mail Stop IDS Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted with this document are a Postcard, Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, PTO Form 1449, International Search Report and two references in connection with the above-identified application.

<u>X</u>

No additional fee is required.

<u>X</u>

Please charge any deficiency or credit any excess in the enclosed fees to Deposit Account Number 25-0115.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on May 13, 2004.

Andrew R. Basile

Attorney for Applicant Registration No. 24753

(248) 649-3333

YOUNG & BASILE, P.C. 3001 West Big Beaver Road Suite 624 Troy, MI 48084-3107 ARB/jfz



Our Reference: BDV-100-A

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

David B. Bathurst

Serial Number:

10/659,137

Filing Date:

September 10, 2003

Examiner/Group Art Unit:

Unknown/3751

Title:

SHOWER EXPANDER

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Mail Stop IDS Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The references listed in the attached form PTO-1449 are cited pursuant to Rule 37 C.F.R. 1.56 to meet the duty to disclose to the Patent Office all information known to the inventor, attorney or any other person who is substantively involved in the preparation or prosecution of the application or who is associated with the inventor, with the assignee or with anyone to whom there is an obligation to assign the application.

The information may include:

- (1) Prior art cited in search reports of a foreign patent office in a counterpart application, and
- (2) The closest information over which individuals associated with the filing or prosecution of the patent application believe any pending claim patentably defines.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 this Information Disclosure Statement includes:

(1) A list of all patents, publications or other information submitted for consideration by the Office, and

(2) A legible copy of each U.S. and foreign patent, each publication or that portion which caused it to be listed, and all other information or that portion which caused it to be listed, except that no copy of a U.S. patent application is included.

If a written English-language translation of a non-English language document, or portion thereof, is within the possession, custody or control of, or is readily available to any individual designated in § 1.56(c), a copy of the translation accompanies this Statement.

These references constitute all the information of which the individuals pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) are currently aware.

A copy of each cited reference is enclosed. Also enclosed is a copy of the International Search Report dated April 20, 2004 from the corresponding PCT application.

Respectfully submitted,

YOUNG & BASILE, P.C.

Andrew R. Basile

Attorney for Applicant(s) Registration No. 24753

(248) 649-3333

3001 West Big Beaver Rd., Suite 624

Troy, Michigan 48084-3107

Dated: May 13, 2004

ARB/jfz

MAY 17 2004

Sheet 1 of _ ATTY, DOCKET NO. BDV-100-A SERIAL NO. LIST OF REFERENCES CITED BY APPLICANT 10/659,137 APPLICANT DAVID B. BATHURST FILING DATE SEPTEMBER 10, 2003 GROUP 3751 U. S. PATENT DOCUMENT EXAMINER INITIALS PATENT NO. ISSUE DATE PATENTEE CLASS SUBCLASS FILING DATE 2,500,350 03/14/50 O. ENDRES AA4 148 05/12/45 699,786 05/13/02 ΑB C. CAMPBELL 09/10/01 AC ΑD ΑE ΑF ΑG ΑН ΑI ΑJ ΑK FOREIGN PATENT OR PUBLISHED PATENT APPLICATION DOCUMENT NO. PUBLICATION DATE COUNTRY OR PATENT OFFICE CLASS SUBCLASS TRANSLATION AL ΑM ΑN ΑO ΑP OTHER REFERENCES (including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.) AR AS ΑТ EXAMINER DATE CONSIDERED

EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not considered. Include a copy of this form with next communication to applicant.